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P R 092009Z AUG 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BANGUI PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CT, US

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS

REF: STATE 186600

1. TEMPLESMAN INFORMED DEPARTMENT AUGUST 9 THAT HIS REP IN  
LIBREVILLE, ALBERT AUCLAIR HAD SPOKEN TO BONGO  
SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL. BONGO DICTATED MESSAGE TO BOKASSA  
IN AUCLAIR'S PRESENCE. MESSAGE STATES THAT GOLDSMITH  
DETENTION HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION AND THAT  
WHILE HE AWARE GOLDSMITH HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN FILING  
UNFAVORABLE ARTICLE ON CAE AND EMPEROR HE APPEALED TO  
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BOKASSA ON BASIS OF AFRICAN BROTHERHOOD TO EXPEL GOLDSMITH.  
MESSAGE NOTES THAT AP IS IMPORTANT NEWS ORGANIZATION AND  
THAT FAILURE TO RELEASE GOLDSMITH COULD HAVE NEGATIVE  
EFFECT- ON IMAGE OF AFRICA IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS  
CIRCLES.

2. BONGO EMISSARY ARRIVING BANGUI AUGUST 10 ACCORDING

TEMPLESMAN, CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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